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In the Claims:

- 1.(original) An aqueous boron-free detergent composition comprising an enzyme, a stabilising amount of an organic water-miscible solvent, wherein the composition comprises between 5 to 60% of water with at least 70% of the remainder of the composition comprising a water soluble ionic salt.
- 2.(original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the enzyme is at least partially encapsulated within water-soluble particles in a gel, the particles comprising a water-soluble encapsulating agent, wherein the particles have a migration speed in the gel of less than one centimetre per month.
- 3.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the migration speed of the particles is less than 0.7 cm per month.
- 4.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 2 or 3, wherein the migration speed of the particles is less than 0.4 cm per month.
- 5.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the composition has a viscosity greater than 4,000 mPas, ~~more preferably greater than 6,000 mPas and most preferably greater than 10,000 mPas~~.
- 6.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein the gel contains a thickening agent.
- 7.(original) A composition according to claim 6, wherein the thickening agent is polyacrylic acid.

8.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~, wherein the composition has a density of greater than 1.1 g/cm³, ~~more preferably greater than 1.2 g / cm³ and most preferably greater than 1.4 g / cm³~~.

9.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~, wherein the non-aqueous portion of the composition has a salt content of at least 80% ~~and more preferably at least 90%~~.

10.(original) A composition according to claim 9, wherein the salt is a phosphate, sulphate, carboxylate or hydroxycarboxylate.

11.(original) A composition according to claim 10, wherein the salt is a citrate salt.

12.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~, comprising from 0.05 to 5% enzyme.

13.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~, wherein the composition comprises a plurality of enzymes.

14.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 2 ~~any one of claims 2 to 13~~, wherein the particles contain an enzyme such that the ratio of gel enzyme to particle enzyme is between 5:1 and 20:1.

15.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 13, wherein the enzyme is a protease and/or an amylase.

16.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 15~~, wherein an enzyme stabilising aid is present in the gel in an amount of from 0.05 to 20% (expressed as a percentage based upon the whole composition).

17.(currently amended) A composition according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 16, wherein the stabilising aid is a water-miscible organic solvent.

18.(currently amended) A composition according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 17, wherein the water-miscible organic solvent is propylene glycol.

19.(currently amended) A composition according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 18, wherein the stabilising aid is a soluble calcium salt.

20.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~in accordance with any one or claims 1 to 19~~, wherein the particles comprise a stabilising aid in an amount of from 40 to 70% of the weight of the particles ~~particules~~.

21.(currently amended) A composition according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 20, wherein the stabilising aid is a sugar or ~~and/or~~ a starch.

22.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 2 ~~in accordance with any one of claims 2 to 21~~, wherein the gel and the particles have a difference in density of no greater than 0.9 g / cm³, ~~more preferably no greater than 0.6 g / cm³ and most preferably no greater than 0.3 g / cm³~~.

23.(currently amended) A composition according to ~~in accordance with~~ claim 22, wherein the particles contain a density aid.

24.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 2 ~~in accordance with any one of claims 2 to 23~~, wherein the particles contain a dye or a pigment. ~~dye / a pigment~~

25.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 24~~, wherein more than 80% of the particles have a particle size from 50 to 1,000 micrometres, ~~more preferably from 200 to 800 micrometres and most preferably from 400 to 700 micrometres~~.

26.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~in accordance with any one of claims 1 to 25~~ for use in dishwashing or and/or laundry applications.

27.(currently amended) A method of dishwashing or and-/or laundry comprising the use of a detergent composition in accordance with claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 26~~.